GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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PROPOSALS FOR DRINKING WATER
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some state Governments especially the Government of Madhya Pradeshhas submitted any proposal to tackle the drinking water problem in most of the districts of the States which are affected by scant rainfall;

(b) if so, the details thereof state-wise and the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard; and

(c) the Central financial assistance likely to be provided for potable water to the affected people before the ensuing scorching summer, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Due to lack of monsoon, 16 States are reported to be drought- affected. These are: Andhra Pradesh (22 districts), Rajasthan (32 districts), Uttar Pradesh(70 districts), Haryana (19 districts), Punjab (17 districts), Himachal Prdesh (12 districts), Gujarat, Karnataka (24 districts), Madhya Pradesh (31 districts), Chhattisgarh (16districts), Tamil Nadu (19 districts), Maharashtra (33 districts), Uttaranchal (13 districts), Jharkhand (22 districts), Orissa (30 districts) and West Bengal (2 districts). In these States, 362 districts have been affected by drought due to failure of monsoon. State Governments have issued notification for 259 districts in 10 States as drought-affected this year. The requirements of fund made by the affected States for meeting the ruraldrinking water scarcity situation comes to Rs.1160.28 crore as per details given below:

Sl.No State Amount (Rs. in crore)

1. Andhra Pradesh 254.73

2. Chhattisgarh 73.75

3. Haryana 164.00

4. Himachal Pradesh27.12

5. Punjab 39.52
6. Rajasthan 205.00

7 Tamil Nadu 148.03

8. Madhya Pradesh 132.06

9. Karnataka 21.37
10. Orissa 38.20
11. Uttar Pradesh 41.50
12. Jharkhand 15.00

On receipt of requests from States, Ministry of Agriculture constituted an InterMinisterial Central Team which visited the affected states and submitted its report. The reports of Central Teams were scrutinized by an Inter Ministerial Group (IMG) chairedby Secretary, Agriculture which made specific recommendations for release of funds either from Calamity Relief Fund/ National Calamity Contingency Fund (CRF/ NCCF) or other funds.

As far as Department of Drinking Water Supply is concerned, IMG hasrecommended for release of funds from the 5% of Accelerated Rural Water SupplyProgramme (ARWSP) set apart for natural calamity and emergent conditions to MadhyaPradesh (Rs.367.08 lakh), Himachal Pradesh (Rs.590 lakhs), Orissa (Rs.311.25 lakh) andKarnataka (Rs.157.68 lakh). The funds as recommended by IMG has already been released by Ministry of Rural Development.